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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON US NOTIFICATION ON AUSTRALIAN
MARKETING BOARD FOR ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT JUICE

1. US (NEWKIRK, KOENIG) MET WITH AUSTRALIA (RYAN)
ON APRIL 27 TO DISCUSS THE US NOTIFICATION, UNDER
THE PROCEDURES FOR NON-TARIFF MEASURES NOT BEING
DEALT WITH MULTILATERALLY (MTN/NTM/26), ON THE AUS-
TRALIAN MARKETING BOARD FOR ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT
JUICES. WE OUTLINED OUR CONCERNS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN
CITRUS PANEL AND ACTION TAKEN BY THE AUSTRALIAN TEM-
PORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (TAA) AS PRESENTED IN THE
US TALKING POINTS.

2. RYAN INDICATED THAT THE PANEL WAS A PRIVATE ASSO-
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CIATION ESTABLISHED PRIMARILY TO GATHER STATISTICS AND
PROVIDE A FORUM FOR INDUSTRY DISCUSSION OF THE CITRUS
MARKET. THE PANEL HAS NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO CONTROL
IMPORT FLOWS AND IS NOT A STATE TRADING ORGANIZATION
IN THE SENSE OF GATT ARTICLE XVII. ALTHOUGH THE PANEL
HAD ASPIRATIONS OF REGULATING IMPORTS OF CITRUS JUICES,
IT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN GAINING MEMBERSHIP OF ALL

PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS NECESSARY FOR SUCH CONTROL, AND, THEREFORE, HAS BECOME DEFUNCT. ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRALIAN FIGURES, THEIR IMPORTS OF ORANGE JUICE, AS EXPRESSED IN MILLIONS OF LITERS, INCREASED FROM 6.5 IN 1973-4 (JULY-JUNE) TO 21.4 IN 1974-5, AND TO 36.1 IN 1975-6. IMPORTS FROM THE US DURING THE SAME TIME PERIODS, AS EXPRESSED IN MILLIONS OF LITERS, WERE 5.2, 9.1, AND 8.0, RESPECTIVELY.

3. AUSTRALIAN DEL OBSERVED THAT THE PRESENT TARIFF QUOTA APPLICABLE TO ORANGE JUICE IS A TEMPORARY MEASURE INSTITUTED UNDER A TAA RECOMMENDATION THAT IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW. RYAN COULD NOT, HOWEVER, PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF WHETHER THE INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUE THIS MEASURE BEYOND ITS 30 JUNE 1977 EXPIRATION DATE.WALKER

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